

Chicago July 10, 2020

Re: Cass Thomas Casper

in relation to Abigail Clough No. 2020IN01805

Dear Ms. Clough:

Enclosed is a copy of the response of Cass Casper to the matters about which you have complained.

If you believe the response is inaccurate or if you wish to provide additional information or documents for our consideration, please write to me within fourteen days. Please do not staple or bind your reply or any attached documents. We also ask that you avoid using exhibit tabs.

We will evaluate the matter and advise you of our decision. Again, thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

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<u>Via Email</u> Chi (Michael) Zhang E: MZhang@iardc.org

RE: Response to ARDC Inquiry 2020IN01805 (Cass Thomas Casper)

Dear Counsel:

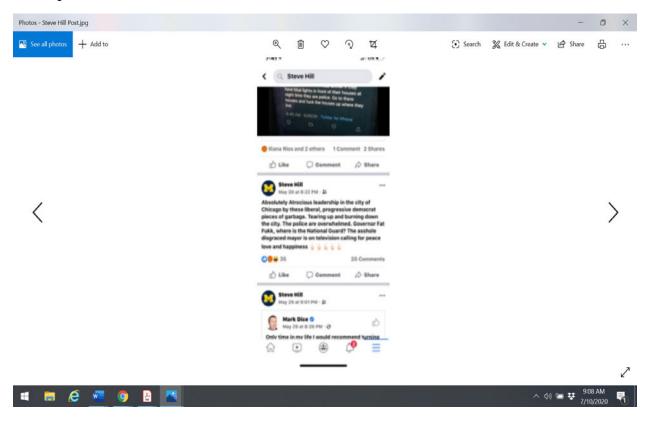
I had requested an extension of time to file my response to ARDC Inquiry 2020IN01805 ("Inquiry") and was allowed to file this response by July 10, 2020. This is my formal response to the Inquiry.

This Inquiry stems from an online argument that occurred on and around June 17, 2020 between myself and some of the Public Defenders at the Cook County Office of the Public Defender that, in retrospect, I fully admit it might have been better to have avoided altogether just from the standpoint of the entire exchange having been counterproductive and unhealthy. That admission aside, I am at a loss as to how this online argument violates any of the Rules of Professional Conduct. To that extent, I do concede that this entire argument was a bad idea and a regrettable incident, although I do not believe that any of this amounted to more than citizens engaging in a heated debate on the internet. I note, from the outset, that Ms. Clough does not elucidate what Rules she believes this exchange violated, and I am not certain what rules to cite, either, in my defense to this Inquiry.

I want to start this off by pointing out that my client base consists nearly entirely of men and women working in public sector jobs, including sworn Cook County Deputy Sheriffs and Correctional Officers. Currently, in fact, I have over 170 legal matters relating to Cook County Deputy Sheriffs, Correctional Officers, and Sheriff's Police pending at one stage or another in state or federal court, at agencies, or at the level of informal consultation. My federal case docket, for example, by itself includes nearly 20 federal cases on behalf of such officers in the past two years. *See Exhibit A*. I only bring this up to emphasize that these officers are a large part of my existing client base, and I am passionately committed to them. My public Facebook.com page is largely used to communicate specifically with Cook County Sheriff's Officers about anything and

everything – including just general socializing with them apart from legal matters. Most of my Facebook connections are such officers.

On or about June 12, 2020, the *Chicago Sun-Times* began reporting that certain Deputy Sheriffs were being "de-deputized" and investigated by Cook County Sheriff Thomas J. Dart for social media posts they had made. The newspaper reported that this stemmed from a Complaint by Public Defender Amy Campanelli to Sheriff Dart. *See Exhibit B*. Shortly after that, I was contacted by two of the affected Deputy Sheriffs, Michael Quinlan and Steve Hill, for consultations and assistance relating to the Sheriff's investigation into their social media posts. In my estimation and having a great deal of experience with First Amendment litigation, these posts were well-within the scope of First Amendment-protected activity, even in the employment context. For example, one of the posts was as follows:

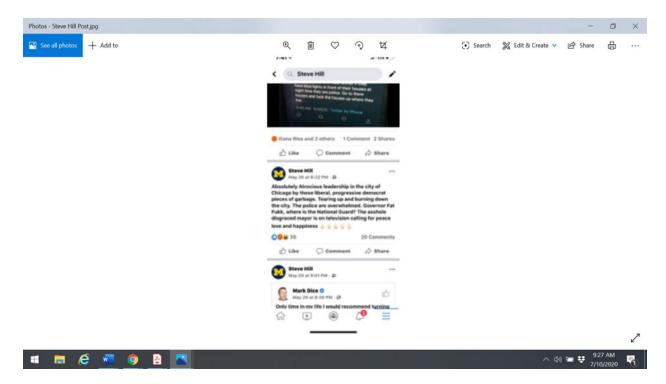


We can agree or disagree with the substance of this post, but, the fact is, Amy Campanelli's complaint to Sheriff Dart resulted in Deputy Sheriff Hill being dedeputized and subjected to an investigation for the above-post. In my mind, the above post is far within the realm of First Amendment-protected activity, even in the employment context. *Four* other Deputy Sheriffs were also swept up in a "social media" investigation by Sheriff Dart stemming from Amy Campanelli's complaint, although I

do not represent the others at this time. So too, Sheriff Dart has the reputation of being extremely harsh with terminations of his officers, often seeking terminations for the slightest error in judgment or infraction, and without regard for length-of-service, lack of prior discipline, or mitigating factors. In my estimation and based on my experience, and unfortunately, the Deputy Sheriffs involved in this social media investigation are likely to face stressful, prolonged termination proceedings and possible administrative leaves. All for some -- in my view -- ill-thought and emotional Facebook posts that constituted errors in judgment, more than statements that should be causing long-term employees to face severe discipline.

With this backdrop in mind, I was contacted by Matthew Shields (who goes on Facebook by the name "Emm Jay"), a retired Deputy Sheriff who is married to an active Deputy Sheriff (Kelly Shields), who notified me that some of the public defenders had particularly offensive posts of their own Facebook pages. For example, Abigail Clough had a photo available to all of her friends stating that President Trump is a "Twat." A screenshot of that is contained in the Inquiry document at Page 17. I have to ask this: how is Abigail Clough publicly calling the President a "Twat," any different than one of the posts Deputy Sheriff Steve Hill made, where he refers to Governor Pritzker as a "[Fart Fuck]"? Compare Cass Casper ARDC Complaint, p. 17 with:

¹ The Cook County Sheriff's Merit Board maintains a public hearing docket where you can view all of the pending discipline and termination cases on a weekly basis. The list varies in length week-to-week, but you can see that it contains a huge number of officers subject to termination proceedings. https://www.cookcountysheriff.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/HEARING-SCHEDULE-7.6.2020.pdf ² I want to be clear that, personally, I do not engage in this kind of language and do not appreciate it. However, I do appreciate that others – such as Mr. Hill and Ms. Clough – have a right to call politicians these names if they so choose.



For the record, I disagree with calling President Trump a "Twat," and with calling Governor Pritzker a "[Fart Fuck]," but this is the social media world where people post things all the time that are, perhaps, ill-thought, emotional, spontaneous, etc. Indeed, my own posts contained in the Inquiry never use those words except to point out the blatant hypocrisy of the Public Defender's Office complaining about Deputy Sheriffs while they themselves are engaging in rampant online bullying and misogynistic comments. What is the difference, though, between Deputy Sheriff Steve Hill calling Governor Pritzker a "[Fart Fuck]" and Public Defender Abigail Clough calling President Trump a "Twat"? In my mind, there is no difference, and Ms. Campanelli's blatant hypocrisy on this issue is something that was very rightfully called out on the internet.

In any event, I did repost Abigail Clough's post referring to the President as a "Twat," in order to point out to my own Client base – who was being attacked by the Public Defenders' Office – that these Public Defenders were not social media angels, either, and that it is incredibly hypocritical for the Public Defenders to attack Deputy Sheriffs for spontaneous, heated, emotional online postings, while themselves maintaining a poor standard of conduct on social media. In retrospect, with this post, I was probably in the wrong and did the same thing that the Public Defenders and Deputy Sheriffs had all been doing – reacting emotionally and not putting a lot of thought into the post. There was another post, too, where Abigail Clough had stated,

"WOOOOOHOOOOO, Suck it Trump," and that post was shared by Emm Jay. To be clear, I did not make that post – Emm Jay did -- but I merely commented on it, again,

to point out what I viewed to be the very hypocritical stand of the Public Defender attacking my Client base for thoughtless Facebook banter, emotional posts, and commentary, when her own PD's were using this kind of language and making similar emotional posts and commentary as the Deputies were.

Following that, Abigail Clough herself escalated matters to an extreme level by posting a "photo collage" of Emm Jay, his wife Kelly Shields (again, herself a Deputy Sheriff), and his grandson. To be clear, at this point in time my posts had consisted of (1) a single comment on the "suck it Trump" post made by Emm Jay (not by me), and (2) resharing a screenshot of Abigail Clough's post where she calls Trump a "Twat." At this stage in the events, I have not made any other posts about this situation. I also would note that at no time following this did Ms. Clough message me or comment to me personally that she would like me to have retracted those posts/comment – and, frankly, had she done that, I probably would have removed them because it was not my intent to start a giant war about this with the Public Defender's Office at that time.

Abigail Clough's reaction to all of this was way, way overboard and personal. Indeed, she made the following post with the photo-collage of Emm Jay, his wife, and his grandkid:



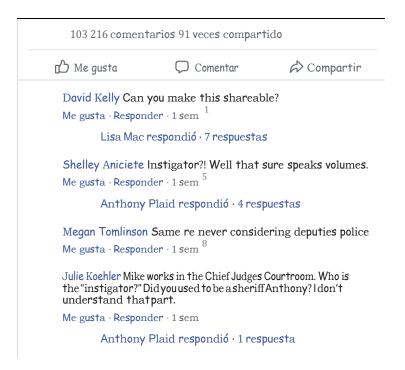
The woman pictured is Kelly Shields, and the child in the picture is Emm Jay's grandson. Abigail Clough – the complainant here – made the above post. I did not make that post or any like it. As you can see, This post was seen by "60 people", and 31 comments were made on it within 2 hours of Abigail Clough posting it. I definitely

don't want to minimize the fact that I got involved in this entire fight to begin with, but I have to be crystal clear: Abigail Clough made the above post, at which time I had merely made a single comment to Emm Jay's post, and had shared her photograph of her calling Trump a "twat." I never posted photos of Abigail Clough, her family, her husband, her children, or any kind of personal information about her whatsoever. Indeed, the only person who did that was Abigail Clough about Emm Jay's family – and, as my co-counsel and I later uncovered, other Public Defenders were making a habit of doing that. Indeed, as it turns out, days before I ever made a single post about any of this, the Public Defenders made a photo collages and "Make Him Famous" memes of my client Michael Quinlan, as follows:

Anthony Plaid 10 de junio a las 15:04 · 🚱

This is Michael Quilan. He is currently employed by The Cook County Sherrif Tom Dart and "serves" as a courtroom deputy. He apparently didn't like the rally and march we had on Monday so he wished us "good luck" "when the courts open back up." He unfriended a lot of us, including me (not that I care I didn't request him anyway), but didn't unfriend enough so that we didn't get the post. May be all those years we "turned to you for help," you should have picked up some free legal advice when we would tell our clients to not post on social media. And by "instigator," may be you meant organizer of a peaceful protest. Funny thing is I, along with other PDs, don't even put deputies in the same boat with the police, but since you want to jump on board... Share away people. Make him famous. #blacklivesmatter





That post was made on June 10, 2020 by Cook County Public Defender Anthony Plaid, and had (at that time) 216 comments and 103 reactions. *See* https://www.iardc.org/ldetail.asp?id=878947840 (ARDC registration information for Anthony Plaid). We cannot know how many times it was shared. It depicts Deputy Sheriff Michael Quinlan.

I have to stop the action here: how in the world, if Abigail Clough is claiming that my posts violated Rules of Professional Conduct, does all the cyberbullying her office put on Michael Quinlan not equally a violation of such rules, or, frankly, far worse? They, in essence, pegged a law enforcement officer as a retaliatory racist and shared it with his photograph at least hundreds of time on the internet. These are Public Defenders who, for all Mr. Quinlan and I know, have connections to gang affiliates by nature of their public defense work.³ From Mr. Quinlan's perspective, this photo and post are little better than having a target put on his back on the internet as a law enforcement officer who is claimed to be anti-BLM. This is hugely inappropriate behavior, and, also, probably constitutes a variety of witness intimidation given that he is now under investigation by the Sheriff's office – at the Public Defender's request – for a separate post that he made. In other words: Mr. Quinlan made a post, the Public Defenders complained about him, and then the Public Defenders engage in a massive online intimidation campaign against him. Again, I am not trying to mitigate my own

³ I am not criticizing public defenders' work defending folks who are gang affiliated – it goes with the office. My point is that this presents a massive safety issue to Mr. Quinlan.

involvement in this entire online dispute, but Plaid's post and all of the Public Defenders involved in sharing it and encouraging it are simply astonishingly outrageous behavior! And my Client base was extremely upset about it, as I have since learned.

In any event, after Abigail Clough's post went up warning her colleagues about Eem Jay and myself, it is safe to say that a full-blown attack commenced by multiple public defenders on myself, most of which is contained in the Inquiry documents. From my perspective, it is difficult to understand how these exchanges between Jennifer Vaughn, Maria Svistchova, Kitty Schultz, Benton Williams, and myself constitute misconduct within the Rules of Professional Responsibility on my part (or theirs, except for one from Jennifer Vaughn that I will get to). Most of these are in the nature of "argument" and "heated debate," and if you review my responses you can see the involved Public Defenders and I were simply having an online debate/fight. For example, one of my posts explains very clearly what I was saying, as follows:



Cass Casper

OK. Honestly, this is going too far. My intent in all this was to point out some really blatant hypocrisy that is going on and how inappropriate social media bullying is, especially for PD's. Now it's devolving into name-calling and threatening -- none of which I'm on board with. I'm saying goodnight.

16h Like Reply



Other posts were steadfast in arguing my own view about the hypocrisy of Amy Campanelli reporting Deputy Sheriffs for misconduct when her own office was engaging in cyberbullying:



Cass Casper

Not my burden of proof. And I'm still waiting for your explanation about why the PDs were justified in making collages and engaging in social media bullying unbecoming their office.

17h Like Reply



Maria Svistchova

I'm bored with you.

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Maria Svistchova

The decision was made by the Sheriff take it up with him. The deputy was in the wrong was rightfully exposed. We are having Facebook conversation and you are taking about evidence or burden. You know why? Because you can't twist the facts. That statement was wrong.

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Maria Svistchova, too, is a Public Defender. *See*https://www.iardc.org/ldetail.asp?id=468455104 (ARDC registration for Maria Svistchova). There are a couple moments in this debate where, if anything, other Public Defenders engaged in threatening or inappropriate comments as follows:



In this part of the exchange, Jennifer Vaughn threatens a member of the public, Cristy Sabs, by stating "I'll be your absolute worst enemy." Jennifer Vaughn is a Public Defender. See https://www.iardc.org/ldetail.asp?id=1093835392 (ARDC registration information for Jennifer Vaughn). Maria Svistchava's comment "you kiss your kids with that mouth. Gross" is probably not the height of professionalism, either.

Again, I feel like I'm trying to point to others' conduct to vindicate my own – I am not, and I iterate that this whole thing spiraled out of control and would have been better avoided — but it is extremely difficult for me to see how engagement in a heated Facebook debate with the Public Defender's Office ran afoul of the Rules of Professional Conduct. Too, if I did violate any of the Rules, then the fact remains that multiple Public Defenders also have violated Rules. I cannot see any way that Anthony Plaid's post – and the numerous other items Attorney Gia Scatchell and I gathered and pointed out in Exhibit 3 – are not themselves extremely problematic from the standpoint from the Illinois Rules, if my own behavior runs afoul of those Rules.

As I stated already, my co-counsel Gia Scatchell and I put together a long letter with Exhibits complaining about Public Defender online behavior to Amy Campanelli and

Patrick Blanchard. I attached a complete copy of that entire letter and filing as part of this Response and incorporate it by reference here. *See Exhibit C*.

I iterate that I regret having gotten involved in this entire exchange and I'm going to try to steer clear of this kind of contentious online social media dialogue going forward. However, without trying to minimize my conduct, I do not see that any of this rises to the level of unethical behavior, and I do deny that any of this violates any of the Rules of Professional Conduct. Unfortunately, the Rules about social media behavior are perhaps murky for all of us. This entire incident was more in the nature of everyone involved – the Deputies, the Public Defenders, me – getting worked up and heated on the internet, than something that should be considered from an ethical perspective.

If the ARDC sees this differently, I obviously will comply with whatever directives or discipline it should impose with respect to this. If you require further information, I pledge my complete cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Cass T. Casper

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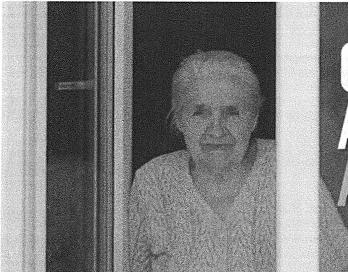
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Public Defender Amy Campanelli Seeks Probe Into Sheriff's Deputies' Social Media Posts After Black Lives Matter March

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CHICAGO (AP) — Cook County Public Defender Amy Campanelli has asked the county's sheriff and inspector general to investigate insulting and threatening comments apparently posted online by deputies following a march in support of Black Lives Matter.

In a letter sent Thursday to Sheriff Tom Dart and Inspector General Patrick Blanchard, Campanelli requested that the deputies behind the posts be disciplined or, if appropriate, fired.

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The posts appeared online after about 200 people, including many public defenders, participated in a demonstration Monday at the county jail in Chicago.

A Facebook comment purportedly posted by a deputy assigned to the Leighton Criminal Court Building reads: "Good luck to them all when the courts open up!"

Campanelli also cited a post that reads: "Bring in the fire hoses and horses this is not a protest."

Campanelli questioned how she or anyone else could have confidence that people in custody are receiving housing, food and being treated "equitably and humanely" by "the custodians of the jail."

The sheriff's office, which runs the jail, said in a statement Friday that after receiving the letter late Thursday afternoon, it "immediately launched an internal investigation into the matter."

Demonstrations and unrest spread to Chicago and other cities around the U.S. following the May 25 killing in Minneapolis police custody of George Floyd. A white officer pressed his knee into Floyd's neck for several minutes, even after the handcuffed black man stopped moving and pleading for air.

"The very purpose of our protest, as was the purpose of all protests around the country, was to oppose racism and discrimination exhibited by law enforcement," Campanelli wrote in the letter. "Now, posted on social media as a banner for all to see, members of law enforcement are expressing their intolerance for justice and even suggesting there will be consequences to my staff and my clients."

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RE: ONLINE SOCIAL MEDIA BULLYING AND INAPPROPRIATE CONDUCT BY CERTAIN PD's

Dear Ms. Campanelli and Mr. Blanchard:

We are writing to address alarming social media comments and social media bullying that is coming from certain Cook County Public Defenders ("PD's" or "Public Defenders") on Facebook that are causing a great deal of distress to our client base, consisting of Cook County Sheriff's Deputies ("Sheriff's Deputies"). This letter follows our initial complaints sent yesterday about certain Public Defenders' derogatory social media posts about the Sheriff's Deputies. Since our last letter, the alarming online bullying coming from certain PD's has only intensified or been further uncovered. By this letter, we are demanding that your offices conduct an investigation into the cyber-bullying and other inappropriate online behavior engaged in by PD's in your office to determine whether there are violations of Cook County's Social Media Policy or other policies, Illinois Rules of Professional Responsibility, or the Open Meetings Act.

1. A Coordinated Cyber-Bullying Attack on Cook County Sheriffs:

We all have a duty to weed out bad police officers from the profession. What happened to George Floyd and others based on police misconduct must stop. Healthy discourse to motivate change is wholly embraced by the undersigned. However, an insulting rhetoric has emerged from certain PD's in the wake of the George Floyd protests, which portray police officers in the most negative and vitriolic way. These comments go far beyond free speech and diversity of opinion and instead represent hate speech and cyberbullying. This evidence consists of the online postings of the following Public Defenders: Anthony Plaid, Wendy Fawcett, Maria Svistchova, Jennifer Vaughn, Julie Koehler, Richard

Gutierrez, Megan Tomlinson, Nisha Dotson, Sarah Fransene Spelman, among others. Attached please see links to these specific public defender's Facebook pages where most of these insulting messages have been posted. Exhibit A001. We are calling for every single one of the PDs to be investigated for online social media bullying and conduct violating Cook County's Social Media Policy.

Furthermore, we would note that for all of your office's concern about racism, most of the Correctional Officers in the *Howard v. Cook County Sheriff, 17-cv-8146 (Dkt. 276),* suit are African-American and were exposed to masturbating inmates on a near daily basis. Yet, they have yet to see a settlement, while your largely (but not completely) white PD's office has a pending settlement – is it because your largely white lawyers should be first in line before the Black female officers who have to work with masturbating inmates in the jail nearly every day? Our point is that your office is far from in a position to be criticizing Deputy Sheriffs for racial insensitivity in light of such preferential treatment and what we have uncovered here.

a) "Make Him Famous" Campaign

To begin, this issue was brought to our attention when some Public Defenders began publicly circulating, "Let's Make him Famous" memes attached as Group Ex. A, pp. 2-21. One such meme was created by taking, without authorization, a photo from a Sheriff's Deputy's Facebook page where his wife and his grandchildren are depicted – his wife is also a Sheriff's Deputy still in active service. As a recently retired Sheriff's Deputy, the viral nature of the "Make Him Famous" meme poses a serious security risk to Sheriff's Deputies and their families. Ironically, your PD's claimed that it was their fear of security which prompted them to "expose" the Sheriff Deputy's post.¹

So too, on June 10, 2020, Cook County Public Defender, Anthony Plaid posted the following message castigating a Cook County Sheriff Deputy on his publicly available Facebook page as summarized below and attached more fully as Group Exhibit A pp. 2-16:

This is Michael Quinlan. He is currently employed by The Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart and "serves" as a courtroom deputy. He apparently didn't like the rally and march we had on Monday so he wished us "good luck" "when the courts open back up." I've unfriended a lot of us, including me (not that I care I didn't

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¹ Connie Jordan ("Well looks like this should be reported to Tom Dart, as I clearly see this as a threat to not protect us in the courtroom, which happens to be his job"); Sarah Francene Spellman ("totally what I was thinking... whatever about the asshole remarks as a whole, the veiled threat to not keep us safe is beyond the pale."

request him anyway), but didn't unfriend enough so that we didn't get the post. Maybe all those years we "turned to you for help," you should have picked up some free legal advice when we would tell our clients to not post on social media. And by "instigator," maybe you meant organizer of a peaceful protest. Funny thing is I, along with other PDs, don't even put deputies in the same boat with the police, but since you want to jump on board ... Share away people. Make him famous. #blacklivesmatter

Mr. Plaid's Facebook post about Sheriff Officer Quinlan went viral as several other public defenders reshared his Facebook post to their publicly available Facebook pages or commented on the above post. As is evident from this thread, if anyone took a contrary position, a flurry of public defenders quickly launched an insult-laden attack on these perceived opposers including epithets directed at Sheriff's Quinlan's cousin, who unsuccessfully attempted to pacify the situation. The public defender's comments insulted Sheriff's Quinlan and his cousin as summarized below and attached more fully as Exhibit A pp. 8 - 9:

Richard Gutierrez called Sheriff Quinlan's cousin an "ass hole";

Richard Gutierrez further warned him that: "[y]ou should stop. You're not making this situation any better, in fact, you're making it a whole lot worse. There's some free legal advice for you!"

Similarly, Abigail Clough warned: "Don't make it worse. Have Mike apologize."

Others, like public defender Ms. Fawcett, shared Mr. Plaid's post. Ms. Fawcett added the following commentary to her post as summarized below and attached more fully as Exhibit A pp. 17-21:

"I made a personal commitment to stand as an ally. And to be honest, I wasn't sure if I was going to post this. But again, I reminded myself that silence is violence. This is some f*cked up backlash that my colleagues are now facing for putting together the PD march on Monday. This courtroom deputy is basically making a veiled threat that he won't protect the PDs, which is his job to do. I don't know if this is the right place to start, but here is the Sheriff's customer complaint number: (773) 674-5959."

b) All Cops are Bastards

However, it became apparent that the "Make Him Famous" memes were the tip of the iceberg. Ms. Fawcett's anti-police rhetoric generalized the police profession as "a profession built and sustained by white supremacy." (Ex. A. p. 27). On June 16, 2020, Ms. Fawcett continued to wage war against the police by publicly posting: "Good news, guys! It's not all cops that are bad. 3 white people said so.
(Ex. A p. 18) Ms. Fawcett even chastised the "good cops" as she further opined on her publicly-available Facebook post that:

"these pictures and stories about the ""good cops,"" the ones who give out hugs, or conduct a traffic stop without killing the black or brown driver, it's like people want to give them a trophy for participation or whatever bullshit they are always complaining about millennials. Oh, look they did their job properly. Smile for the camera. #blacklivesmatter #defundthepolice #holdcopsaccountable." (Ex. A p. 22-24)

Ms. Fawcett's public postings became even more brazen the next day at 4:30 p.m. when she posted that #ACAB (All Cops are Bastards). <u>Link</u>.

Public Defender Sarah Fransene Spelman furthered the anti-police narrative by publicly posted the following tasteless joke: Q. "Why do riot police go to work early? A. to beat the crowds. ACAB" (Ex. A p. 21).

On June 8, 2020, public defender Megan Tomlinson publicly posted a comment drawing a inflammatory comparison between the May 31, 2020 riots with wrongful police raids:

"If you want to talk about looting, do you know how many times a day the Chicago Police Department breaks a family's front door down pursuant to a "raid" and tears a home apart, kills a family dog, pulls a toilet out of the floor, takes all the cash alleging its drug money, only to recover a half gram of cocaine? All from people who barely have anything to begin with." (Ex. A pp. 29-30).

c) A Facebook War with the Sheriff's Office Could be Fun

We received certain screenshots that indicate that certain PD's are advocating for a "war" with the deputies: "OHHHHH a FB war with the Sheriff's this could be fun... I wonder who will win!" See Gr. Ex. A, p. 47. Why are your PDs happy about a war with Deputy Sheriffs? Aren't they all working the courtrooms together? And then some of them try to minimize the undersigned complaint yesterday by, for example, pointing out a misspelling in Mr. Casper's email. See Gr. Exhibit A, p. 49. Are they not taking the complaint seriously? Because rather than perhaps apologizing for their bullying, this makes it appear that they, instead, are nitpicking the complaints and making fun of them.

d) The Public Defender's Office will be Your Absolute Worst Enemy

These certain public defenders have run afoul of their mission as justice for all and turned this into an "us" versus "them" narrative. This agenda became evident yesterday evening on Attorney Casper's personal Facebook page. To be clear, none of the public defenders that commented on his postings are Facebook friends with Mr. Casper. Instead, these public defenders had a coordinated, premeditated plan to bully and harass Mr. Casper and anyone that they perceived to oppose their position. While some of these messages were within the realm of healthy discourse, those statements were dwarfed by the invectives launched by certain PD's including:

- i. Threatening a private citizen that "if [you] insult my friend again, I'll be your absolute worst enemy. You have nothing to do with this thread. Stay in your lane." See Group Ex. A. p. 38.
- ii. Referring to a private citizen using "it" and then further denigrating that individual's intelligence by stating "it can read." It in this context is construed as derogatory to the LGBT community. See Group Ex. A. p. 38.
- iii. Referring to attorney Scatchell as "troll #2." See Group Ex. A. p. 39.
- iv. Threatening to continue bullying attorney Casper by stating, "I have to go make you famous!" See Group Ex. A. p. 35.
- v. calling a member of the public's post a "terd [sic]"
- vi. Threatening to contact the ARDC for Mr. Casper having stood up for his client base and taken the PDs to task for their own online bullying.

As another example, Julie Koehler furthered the "us" versus "them" rhetoric posting the following reply:

And FYI, I unfriended all of my prosecutor and sheriff Facebook friends a while back. During the trial where I was on TV, many of them reported back to the judge that people were putting things on my Facebook page and Ford held me in contempt. They are not your friends and it's not a good idea to have them read your personal business. (Ex. A p. 4)

e) Public Defenders Calls to "Unseat Racist Judges"

² "it" is an offensive slur used against trans and gender non-conforming individuals

³ Attorney Scatchell handles several cyber-bullying cases including minors, professional

Certain PD's have even taken aim at "racist judges" and called on the public to "unseat racist judges." See Exhibit A p. 41. Racism has no place in the justice system. However, a bald assertion without more substance undermines the integrity of our judicial system.

Public Defendant Mary Doyle publicly posted that she "found [her] vote significant because I voted NO to retain most of the judges up for retention . . . I have an advantage of knowing a number of these judges because of my job . . . [Judge] Beatriz, Joanne, among those to whom I said yes." Exhibit A pp. 45-46. The number of judges that were up for retention in the past election was finite. Ms. Doyle narrows that list even further by affirmatively stating the judges that she voted to retain while attempting to qualify her public criticism by "knowing these judges" because of her job as a public defender. See Florida Bar v. Sean William Conway, No. SC08-326 (Fla. 2008) (Attorney made derogatory comments about the Judge holding that the attorney's behavior was prejudicial to the administration of justice).

f) Public Defender Using Sexist Verbiage.

So too, as Mr. Casper also pointed out yesterday, some of your PD's are far from using sanitized, appropriate language on the internet. Calling President Trump a "twat" and that he should "suck it"? See Group Exhibit A pp. 42-43. This is a sexist, misogynistic term. It could be we are all not in love with President Trump, but using such a degrading term for women to refer to him? We could say the same thing about the PD who posted that disgusting comment, as your PD's say about the Deputy who made his post – are your PD's fit to represent indigent women in the courtroom when they freely use sexist and misogynistic language on the internet, such as "suck it" and "twat"? We cannot say express over-confidence when we see those terms so loosely thrown around by your PD. Worse still, one of your PD's whitewash the sexist, misogynistic connotation of "twat" by citing a definition in Urban Dictionary. See Gr. Ex. A p. 44. This is the lynchpin of hypocrisy.

1. Laws Governing the Conduct of Public Defenders

We respect PD's First Amendment right to express their personal views on private online forums. However, as public servants, they are held by the public to a higher standard, and we expect that this office will exhibit civility and courtesy toward all members of the public. This is an opportunity to lead by example and to draw the line in the sand firmly that as public defenders you have a higher calling and cannot engage in hate speech that interferes with the mission of your office, which is **equal justice for all**.

These postings are far from peaceful, benign speech. Moreover, the aforementioned PD's conduct could be reasonably construed to be an invasion of privacy, defamatory, and tantamount to conduct unbecoming of a public defender. More importantly, these postings are not protected by the First Amendment as they interfere with and compromise your office's ability to perform its responsibilities as Assistant Public Defenders. Specifically, these statements unfairly undermine public confidence in the administration of justice by calling judges "racists," attorneys "trolls," President Trump a "twat," or telling him to "suck it" (See Gr. Ex. A, p. 42-44), demanding that Sheriff's Deputies be fired for posting "insulting" posts without due process, and telling private citizens to "stay in their lane" and "mind their own business."

Given the coordinated efforts exhibited by these certain PD's, we are also concerned about the numerous potential Open Meetings Act violations that may have ensued over the last few weeks involving six or more public defenders through their social media communications. The sequence of posts among these public defenders indicates that they have bandied together to bully and insult their purported critics. This dangerous position takes a "punish first" and "investigate later" approach. This conduct is inappropriate, unprofessional, and has the potential to cause disruption to the functioning of the court system.

So too, the Sheriff's officers did not give up their constitutional rights when they became officers. However, these Deputies feel disempowered to defend themselves from these public attacks given Sheriff Dart's proclivity to harshly punish officers for minor infractions. Accordingly, while your PD's are able to bully away apparently without recourse on the Internet, our client base is largely afraid to respond and defend itself from these attacks. Your PD's are officers of the Court, have a duty to respect the Court system – including the Sheriffs who serve in the jail and in the courtrooms – and this kind of online bullying behavior from licensed attorneys undermines both the public perception of the judicial forum, as well as their obligations to the Court.

Considering the recent your office's public denouncement of certain Sheriff's Deputy's social media posts, we are personally shocked and disappointed by the pervasive and ignorant generalizations made by your own office's staff. Your office is employing a double standard and as officers of the court should lead by example and exact change without further inflaming an already dangerous situation brewing between the public and law enforcement. Accordingly, we request that your office launch an immediate internal investigation into the conduct of these court officers. Any one of these postings would be considered corrosive and incendiary. However, when viewed in the aggregate, these postings reveal a pattern of conduct that contrary to the administration of justice

and is distressing to our clients, the taxpayers, and as members of the Illinois Bar and officers of the Court.

We are further informed and believe that additional postings may appear on the Public Defender's private Facebook pages and on "Black Twitter" based on the vitriol seen yesterday. See Also Exhibit A p. 12 (Joselynne Gardner: "Please take these to Black Twitter [sic] FB does not have the same impact...") In that vein, please preserve all of the aforementioned and attached Facebook or related social media postings, Snaps, instant messages, voicemails, and other communications related to this matter, including all electronic files (e-mails, texts, calendars) and paper documents (files, presentations, diaries, calendars). The foregoing list is not exhaustive, and your Office must preserve all information relevant to this Matter. The PD's office's failure to preserve relevant data may constitute spoliation of evidence, which may subject your office to sanctions. This communication is written without waiver of or prejudice to our clients' rights or remedies, all of which are expressly reserved.

We look forward to hearing from you about how your office will be dealing with this. If we can provide further information, please let us know.

Respectfully submitted,

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Anthony Plaid	https://bit.ly/3hFqC6l
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Richard Gutierrez	https://bit.ly/3deIly7
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EXHIBIT A002 Cook County Public...





New Activity

South



Abigail Clough

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WARNING TO COLLEAGUES

I was contacted by a manager this morning to discuss a "complaint" filed by Cass Casper, Esq (a labor and employment attorney who represents law enforcement). Attached is a screenshot from my personal FB page, which was then re-posted by someone named "Emm Jay" (who I believe... See More















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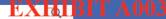








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Sherrif Tom Dart and "serves" as a courtroom deputy. He apparently didn't like the rally and march we had on Monday so he wished us "good luck" "when the courts open back up." He unfriended a lot of us, including me (not that I care I didn't request him anyway), but didn't unfriend enough so that we didn't get the post. Maybe all those years we "turned to you for help," you should have picked up some free legal advice when we would tell our clients to not post on social media. And by "instigator," maybe you meant organizer of a peaceful protest. Funny thing is I, along with other PDs, don't even put deputies in the same boat with the police, but since you want to jump on board...Share away people. Make him famous. #blacklivesmatter



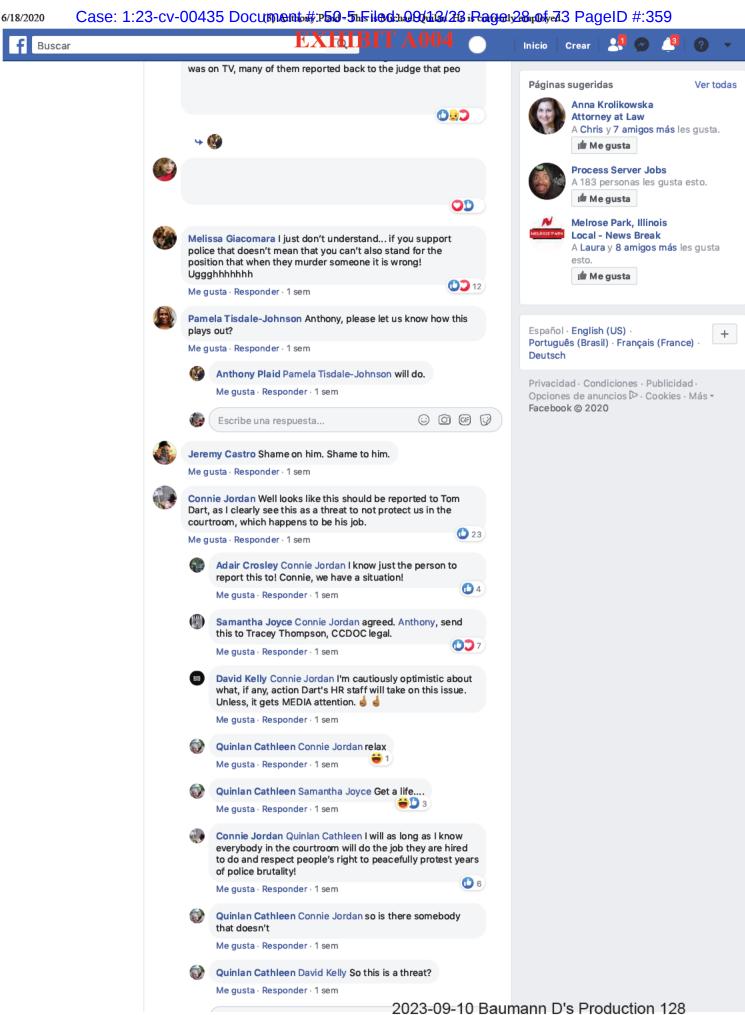


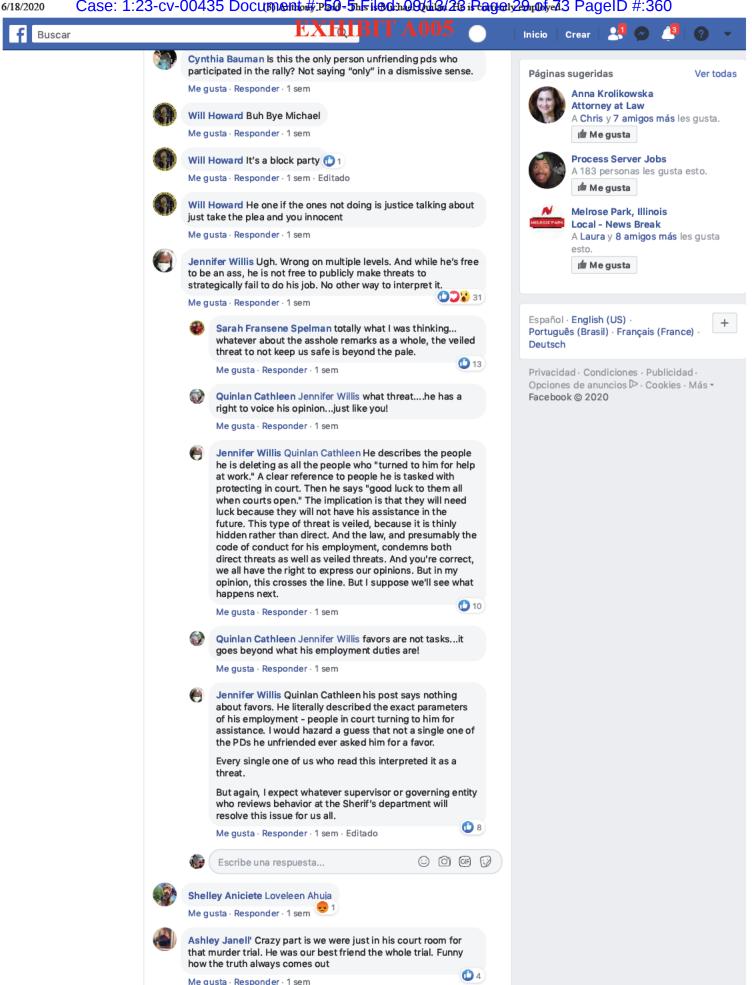


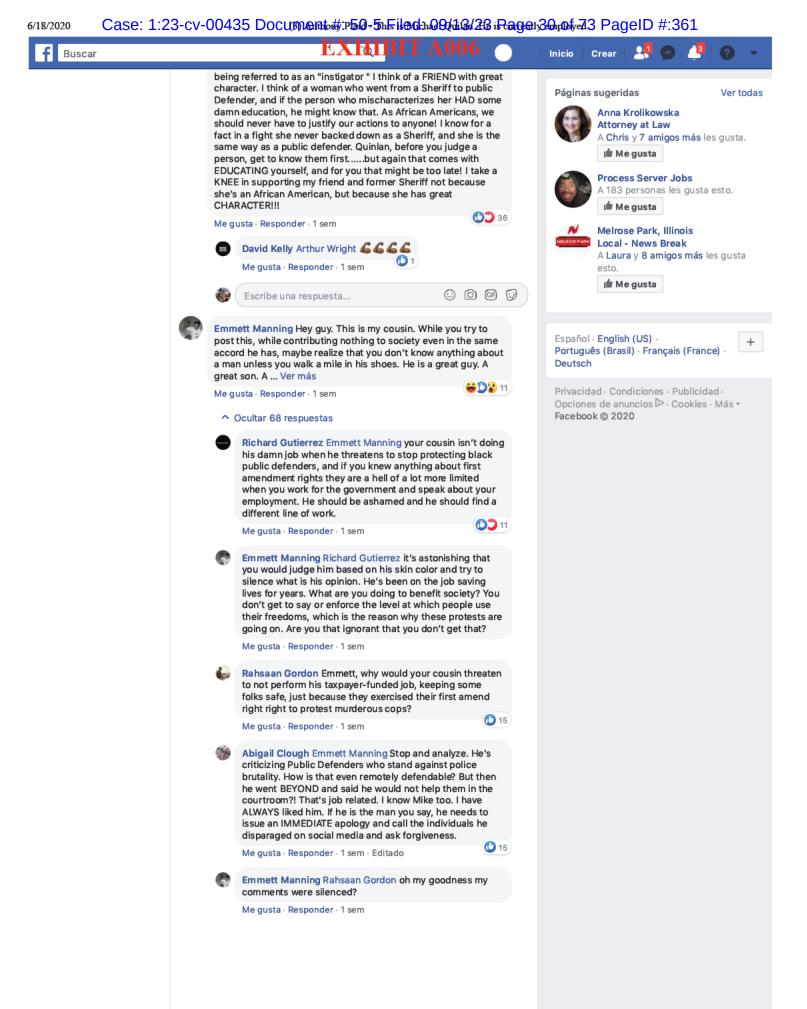


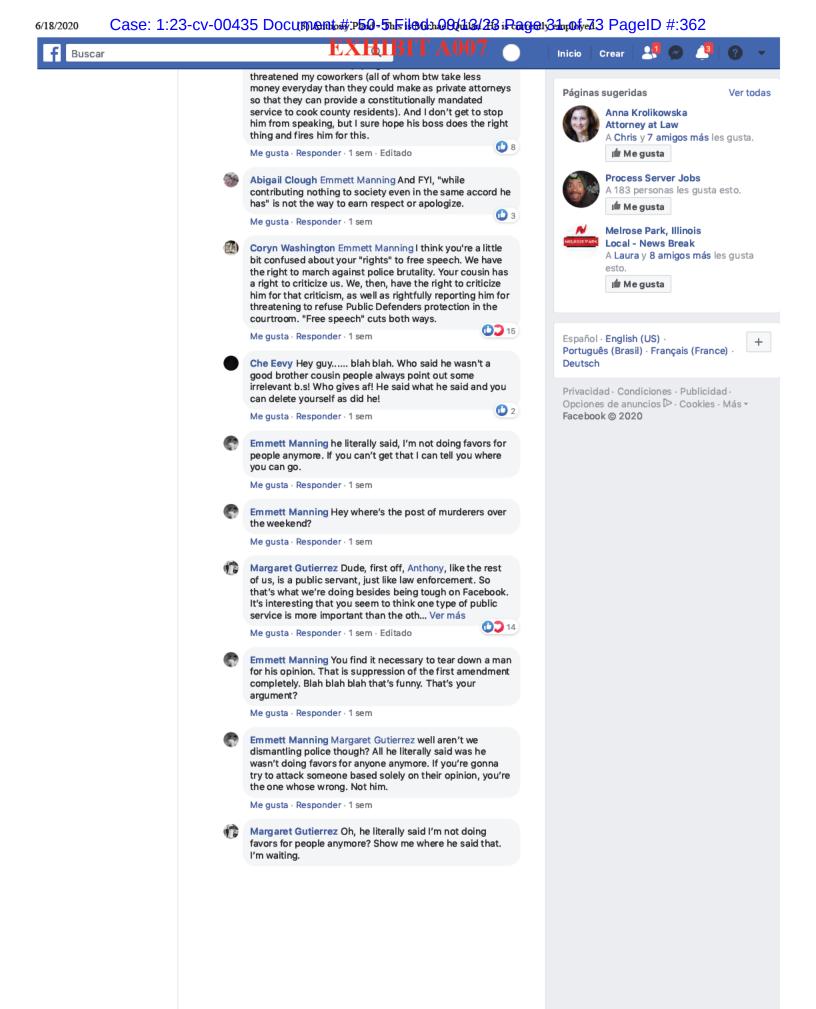
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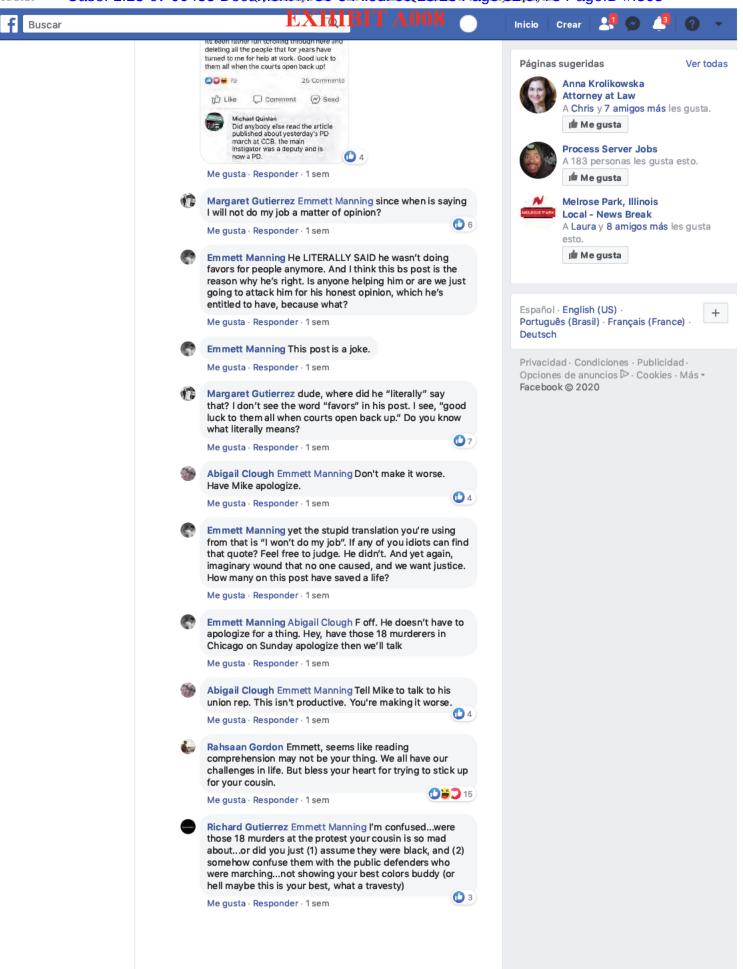
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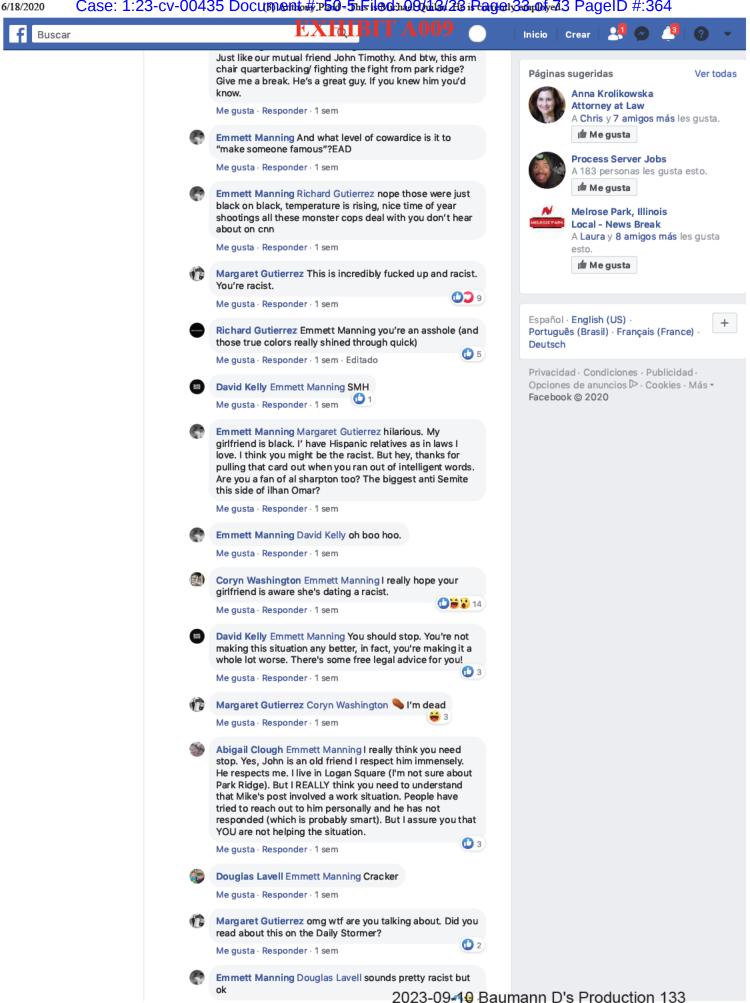




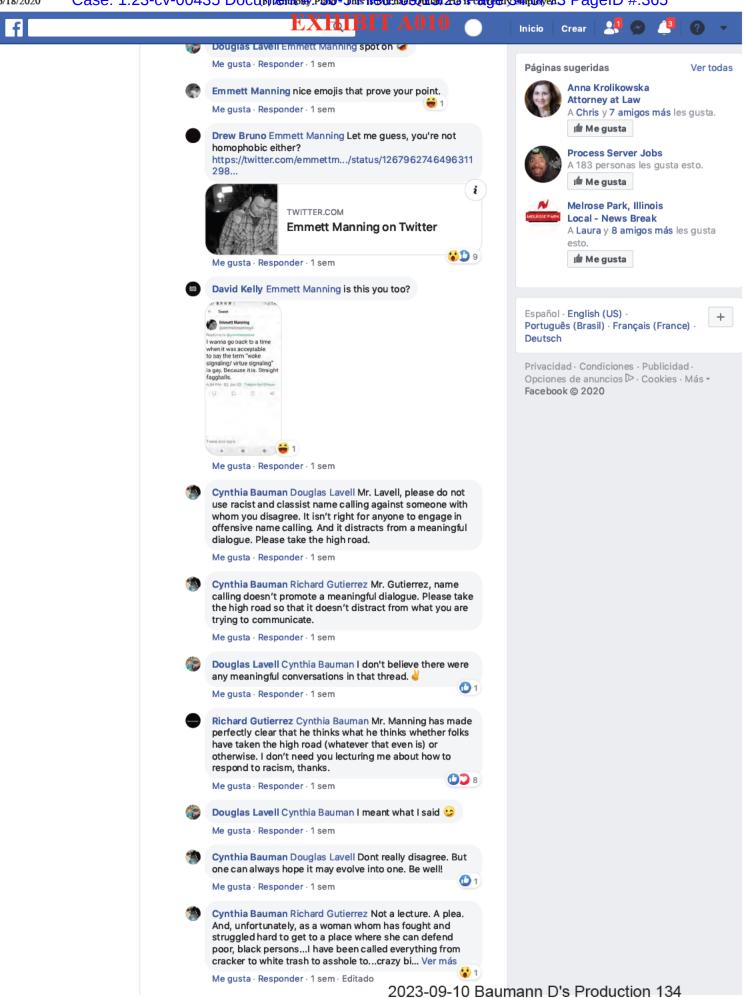


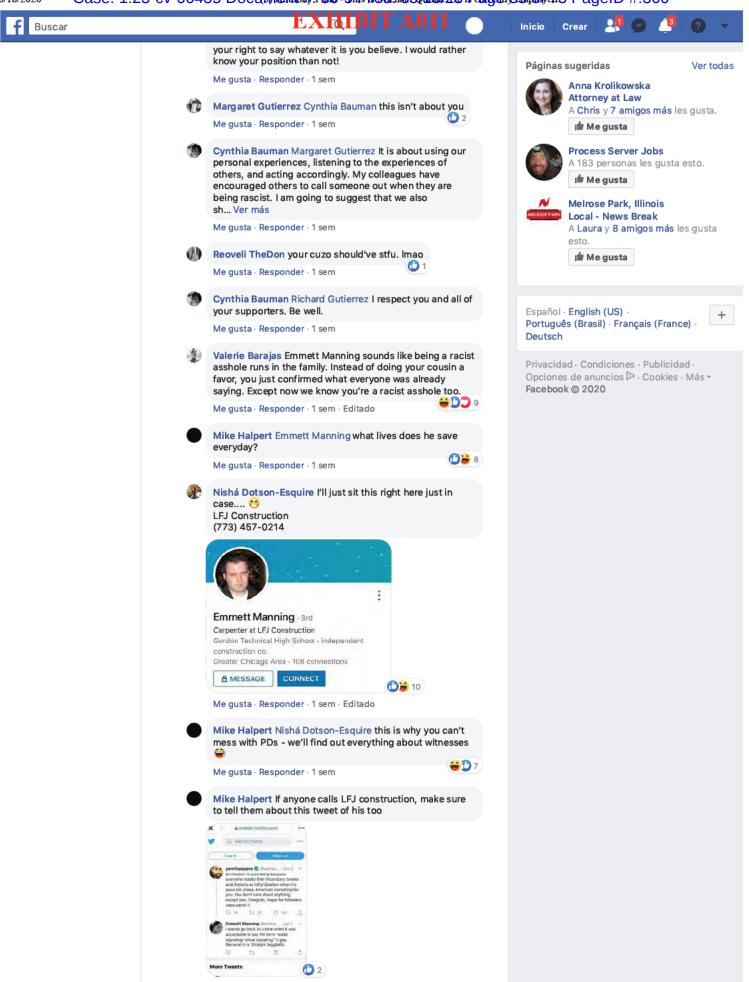


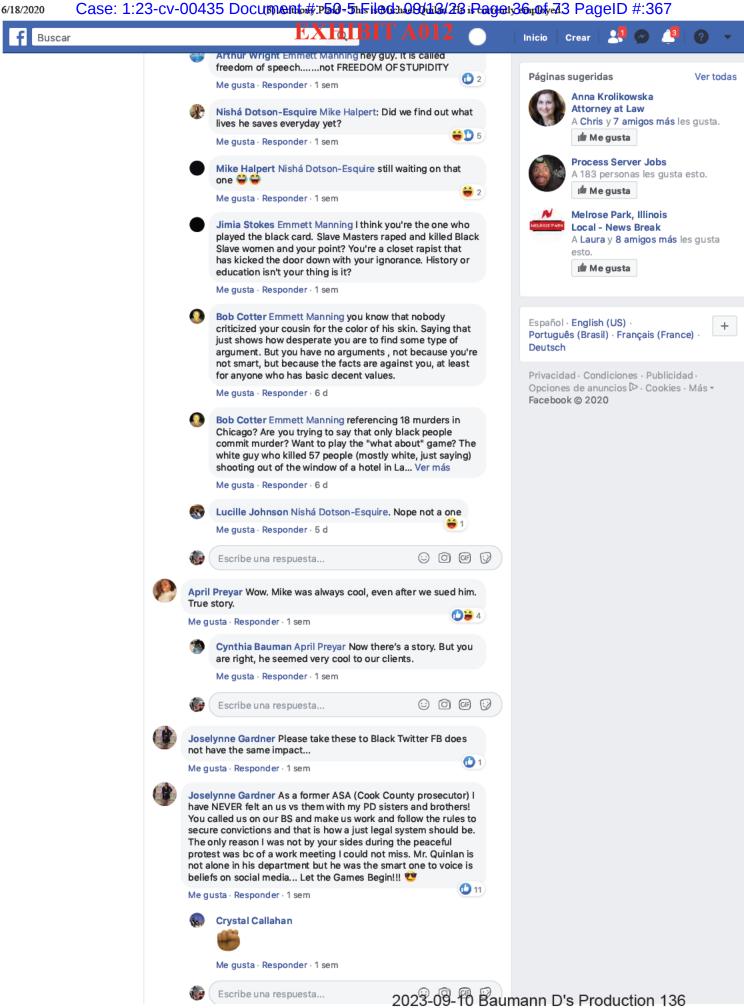


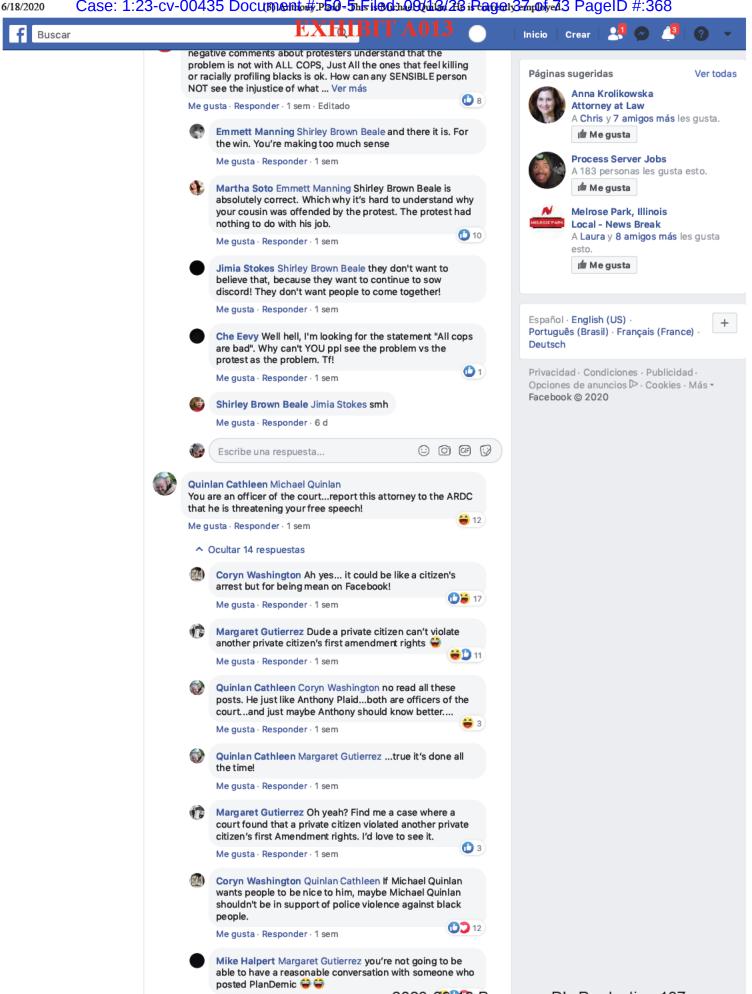


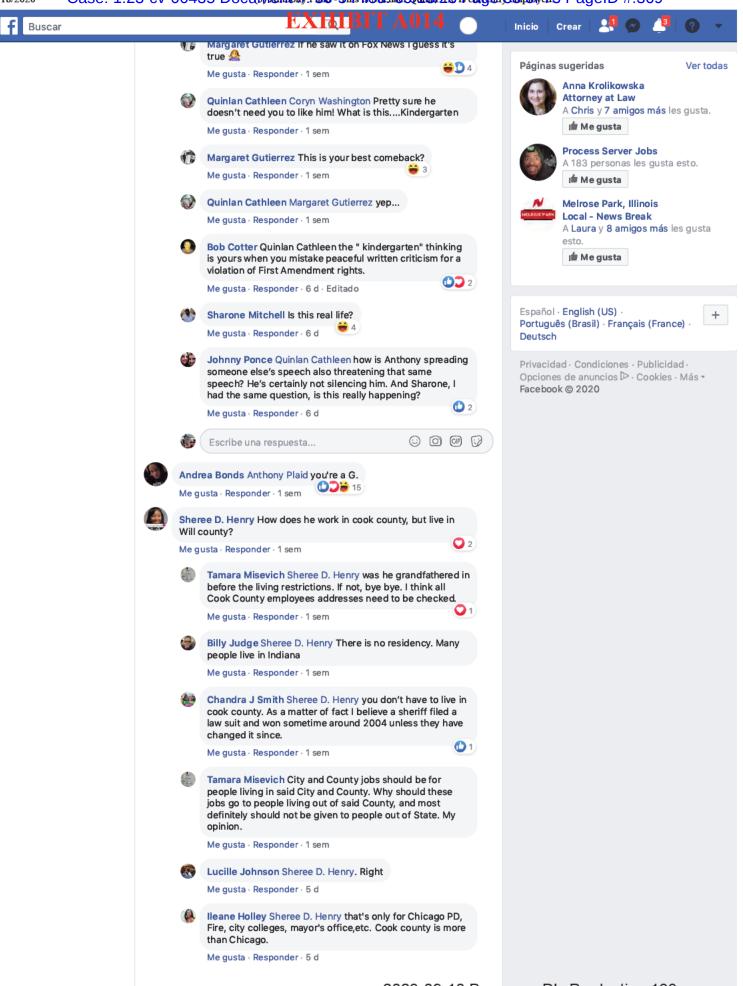


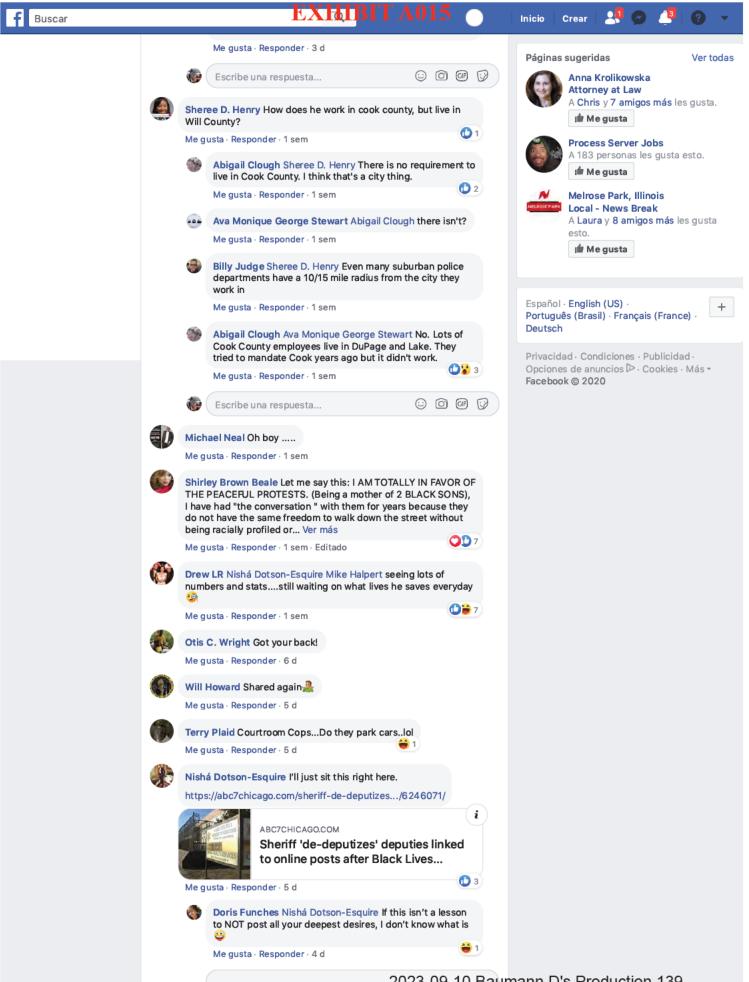




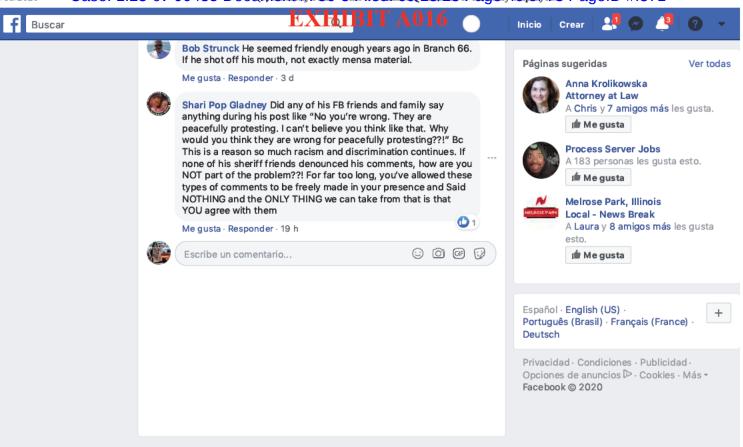












Wendy Fawcett

June 10 at 20:35.

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Anthony Plaid June 10 at 3:04 p.m.

This is Michael Quilan. He is currently employed by The Cook County Sherrif Tom Dart and "serves" as a courtroom deputy. He apparently didn't like the rally and... see more

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Wendy Fawcett

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Wendy Fawcett

June 16 at 17:18 ·

Good news, guys! It's not all cops that are bad. 3 white people said so.

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Nikki Gonzalez Nelson Lol # ACAB



I like · Reply · 1 d



Wendy Fawcett Nikki Gonzalez Nelson this is legitimately the face I make about 16 hours a day

I like · Reply · 1 d





Jeannette Wize Wow ... that's really the attitude to help make positive change. I continue to keep positive thoughts for you as someone I feel is my friend.

I will continue to do all I personally can to make changes that contribute to the greater good on the heavy issues we've discussed on this public platform.

EVERYONE is allowed to express their feelings, lord knows I have, and will again.



Respectfully and Sincerely.

I like · Reply · 1 d





Wendy Fawcett Jeannette sorry but being "nice" and "respectful" or SILENT has gotten us to this point. Thoughts and prayers hasn't stopped mass murder or evoked reasonable gun control just like your positive thoughts won't change the fact that there's a systematic p ... See more

I like · Reply · 1 d

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Jeannette Wize Keeping positive, and speaking up do work. You've given me many details to consider, and to speak out on within my community. Speaking respectfully, and powerfully IS possible. I'm not asking you to be subservient (in case that was interpreted that way).

I will continue to listen to your perspective, as listening is very important.

Thoughts and prayers DO help, but they need the voice of change to BE heard too - not empty lip service of "I'll pray for vou".

Also, in case this is not clear, "all cops" are not in the right, but distinguishing those that are - from those that aren't - IS still important. It's not about "rewarding for required job completion", but helping to keep from potential generalities getting interpreted as "all are bad".

Still with sincerity and respect.

I like · Reply · 1 d · Edited



Amy Smith Wendy Fawcett Exactly. Being respectful, submissive, & nice gets us hit with rubber bullets, pepper spray, blamed for the rioting and looting that whypipo are doing, and we are still being targeted, harassed, hurt, and killed by cops even after George Floyd's murder. Maybe cops and whypipo need to be the nice ones for once.

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Write an answer...



Darian Nocentelli



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I like · Reply · 1 d



Candy Minx There's no way some people are able to change or see that the world is an illusion ... so when transformation occurs they dig in and fight to hold in the rigid ideas. This happens in scientific theories, in art and in social structures.

Some people ar ... See more

I like · Reply · 1 d



Katherine Ribbeck Balcerzak But all cops aren't bad!

I like · Reply · 1 d



Wendy Fawcett Katherine Ribbeck Balcerzak I realize the word "all" is triggering for those who don't want to believe there's a problem. But there's a systematic, cultural problem with American policing

I like · Reply · 1 d



Mike Halpert Katherine Ribbeck Balcerzak what do you call a "good cop" who doesn't turn in a bad one?

I like · Reply · 1 d





Sarah Fransene Spelman Mike Halpert why do riot police go to work early?

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To beat the crowds. ACAB.

I like · Reply · 1 d





Katherine Ribbeck Balcerzak Wendy Fawcett I support my law enforcement And I do believe there is a problem with some police but like I said ALL cops are not bad!

I like · Reply · 17 h



Wendy Fawcett Katherine Ribbeck Balcerzak we all support law enforcement with our taxes. I demand that they ALL be held accountable, whether they directly caused the harm, covered up, remained silent or turned a blind eye.

I like · Reply · 17 h

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Write an answer...



Tabitha Kateri Damnit, Wendy, you're watching Fox again, aren't you?!

I like · Reply · 16 h

Wendy Fawcett

June 16 at 08:50

these pictures and stories about the "good cops," the ones who give out hugs, or conduct a traffic stop without killing the black or brown driver, it's like people want to give them a trophy for participation or whatever bullshit they are always complaining about millennials. Oh, look they did their job properly. Smile for the camera. # blacklivesmatter # defundthepolice # holdcopsaccountable

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William P. Wolf You're surprised that someone wants credit for not closing another's breathing tube?

I like · Reply · 1 d



Wendy Fawcett I'm not surprised. I'm just tired of the "but, but, but look at this guy. He's a good guy" stories.

I like · Reply · 1 d



Wendy Fawcett



I like · Reply · 1 d



Caroline Simon Wendy Fawcett it is interesting that this person described murdering people on camera so flippantly as "questionable interactions" and "mak [ing] for clicks and eyeballs." This person should rethink some things in their life. Thank you for standing up to them.

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Gordon Levin I happen to know lot of law enforcement Wendy. We're going to have to agree to disagree here.

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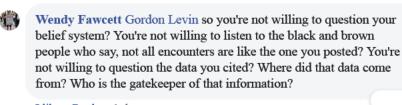
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Wendy Fawcett You do have a belief system. You are choosing to believe that the majority of cops are good. That what we see, these deaths, that because they make the news, those are the bad cops. That there aren't more bad cops because we don't see them in the news.

I like · Reply · 1 d

Gordon Levin Wendy Fawcett If 0.1% of 800,000 cops were "bad" that would be 800 bad cops. Now, we can be snarky and say that's 800 too many, or we can be objective and say that a very high percentage of the cops are good, and we should be trying to work to make it even better. Look at any other profession and tell me they have any better rate of performance by any measure?

I like · Reply · 1 d

Wendy Fawcett Gordon Levin I told you I'm done with this conversation because it became passive-aggressive. Have a nice day.

I like · Reply · 1 d

Patricia Parker Gordon Levin the thing is, the bad cops are literally killing people. And they are protected by their unions. At the very least, union rules need to be changed to make it possible for cops who murder be able to be fired and never rehired as cops or

peo ... See more

I like · Reply · 1 d

Gordon Levin Patricia Parker Totally agree! If you go to my FB page and were to scroll down, you'd find that I previously posted total support for the NAACPs list of actionable changes that should be enacted.

I like · Reply · 1 d

Revolution MacInnes Gordon Levin Good cops would stop bad cops, even if risking their lives to do so.

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Good cops would be pushing bad copy with TBIT A024 profession. ... See more

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Gordon Levin Total BS. You've seen thousands of good cops marching against a few bad cops over the last few weeks. Good cops do fire bad cops. However, we could certainly use some new new rules for police union contract negotiations ...

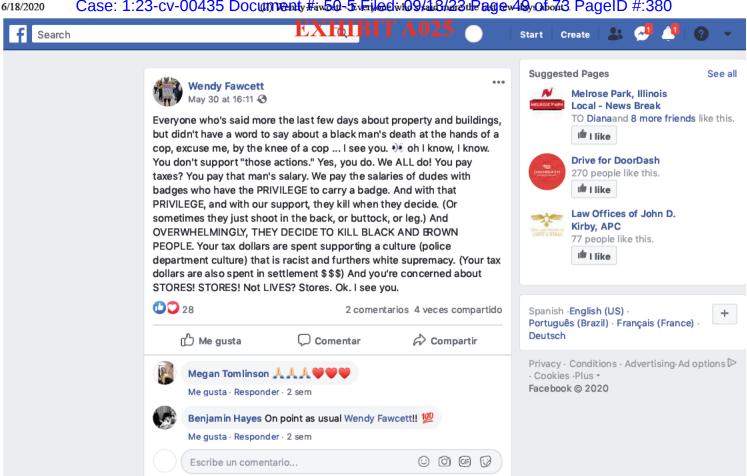
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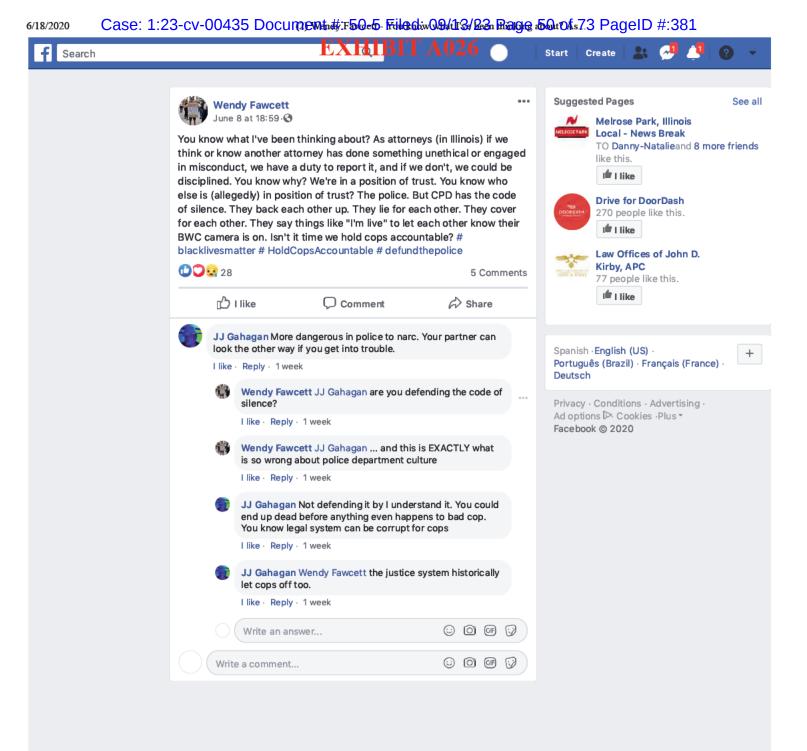


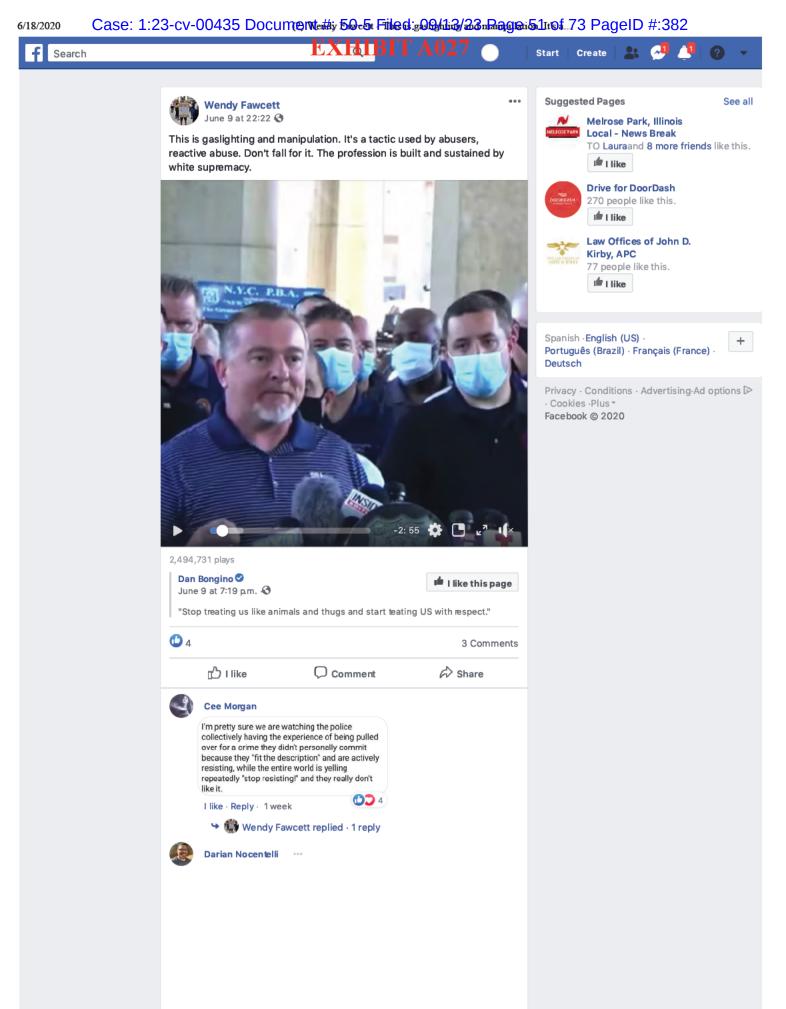
Revolution MacInnes Gordon Levin What kind of crack are you smoking? Cops are marching like jackbooted thugs to protect their own. Their culture is violent. They are violent. They cannot change. We need a new paradigm.

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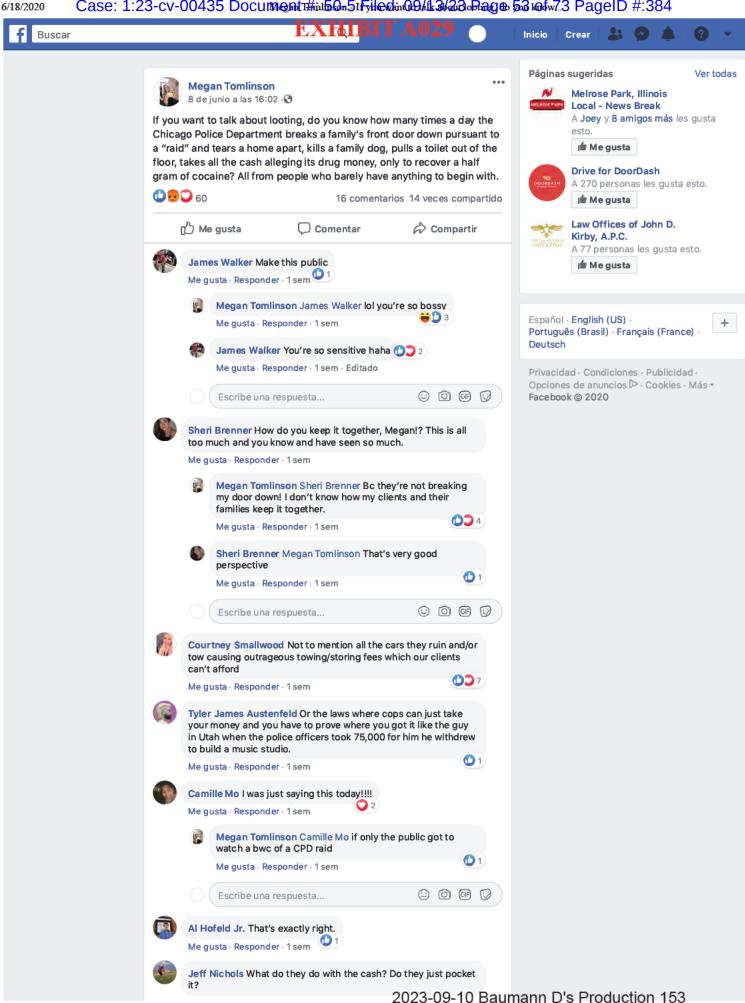
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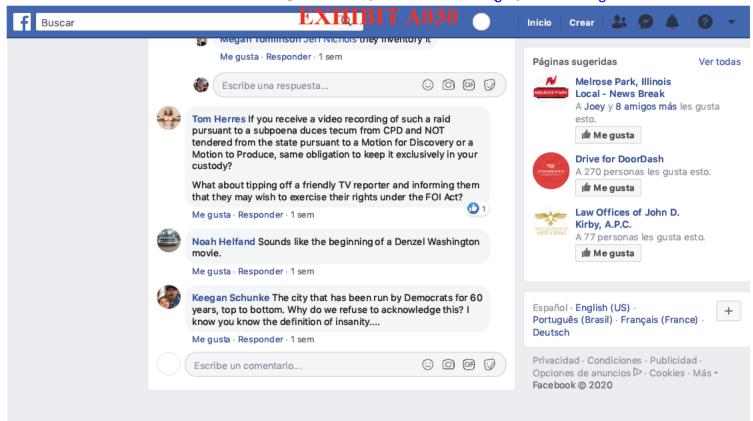












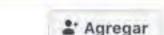




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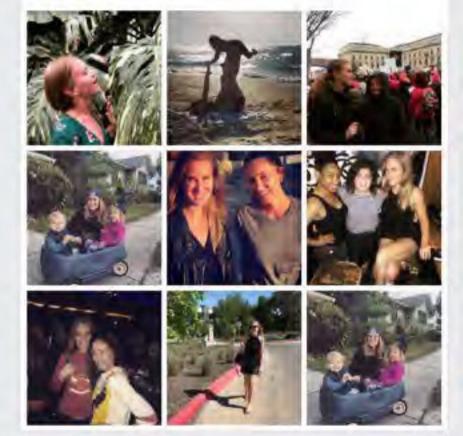






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30 de mayo a las 12:23 - 3

Prosecutors cannot prove intent to murder George Floyd? Let's talk about intent. Since cannabis became legal in Illinois, the Chicago Police Department has repeatedly arrested and charged young black and brown men who are found with small amounts of cannabis on their person, with the felony offense of possession with intent to sell cannabis, where there is absolutely no evidence of intent to sell it. These officers charge these black and brown men with class 3 felonies simply by alleging intent to sell, thus punishable by 2-5 years in prison, for possessing cannabis which is perfectly legal for white citizens of Illinois. You're disgusted with looting a Target? I'm disgusted with police officers purposefully ruining a young person's life by arresting them and sending them to prison for something that those officers know is perfectly legal. And then prosecutors want to say they cannot prove intent to murder George Floyd. SMH.

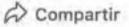


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Me gusta







Lindsay Bremer Can you make this public so I can share it Meg

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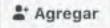




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David L. Freidberg

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5 de junio a las 12:09 · 3

Chicago Police Department Officer James Hunt who brags on this video "I kill mother fuckers" and did in fact shoot and kill a juvenile, was on the streets of Chicago this weekend making arrests.

Call the Chicago police superintendent and tell him you want officer James Hunt off the street before he kills again.



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CPD Officer James Hunt, Who said He's Killed Mother 156 --- s, Could Be Suspended For 1 Year After COPA Review



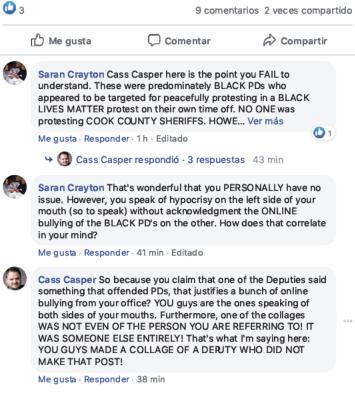




This is Cook County PD Anthony Plaid. He engages in online social media bullying as part of Cook County's SOCIAL-MEDIA-POLICE-FORCE-ONE by posting personal pictures of a Deputy and encouraging others to bully him. He should have taken life advice from some of his own clients, and not engaged in online bullying! LET'S MAKE HIM FAMOUS AS A SOCIAL MEDIA BULLY!

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Saran Crayton Counsel, I'm going to need you to pay attention to detail. Please point to the place where I stated ONE deputy said anything. "YOU GUYS?". I hope the diversity of your constituents

are paying attention. Good day, Counselor.

Me gusta · Responder · 34 min

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Drive for DoorDash
A 268 personas les gusta esto.

Me gusta

Law Offices of John D.

Kirby, A.P.C.
A 76 personas les gusta esto.

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Brian Goodwill Good Lord..... 22



Me gusta · Responder · 3 h



Maria Svistchova Brian Goodwilldon't cry, these brave women spent hours with people in custody defending their constitutional rights, during a pandemic! They would do the same for you.

Me gusta · Responder · 2 h



Maria Svistchova Just so we are on the same page, you are calling for the Public Defender's Office to be defunded, knowing that the majority of the clients the office serves are indigent accused and people of color I screen shot your call to action and I will make you famous! I'm sure ARDC would love to know about this as well.

Me gusta · Responder · 2 h



Cass CasperI am NOT calling for it to be defunded. I am calling your boss out for acting like the social media police on my Client base, many of whom, by the way, take the badge as a means out of poor and undefunded neighborhoods in Chicago, only to face major i... See More

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Cass Casper replied · 13 answers 2 h



Maria Svistchova Anyway I have to go make you famous! Bye bye!

I like it · Reply · 2 h

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Cass Casper And see - that's fine with me, because my position is solid here. Furthermore, that kind of social media bullying from you is exactly what I'm talking about. Hows it any different for your office to berate and retaliate against me with social media bullying -especially after I filed a complaint -- than what you complain of?

Me gusta · Responder · 2 h



Cass Casper It's actually retaliation.

Me gusta · Responder · 2 h

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Maria Svistchova Well we will see about

your solid ground. Buttom line lemains. The deputy was in the wrong 100% what he said was a threat to not protect the public defenders that were at the BLM protest.

He was called out for it. And rightfully so.

I'm not sure what your role is, deputies have a union who will deal with it.

Me gusta · Responder · 2 h



Wendy Fawcett Maria Svistchova looks like he's just trying to use all of this to promote his new union

Me gusta · Responder · 1 h



Cass Casper Absolutely not. Your office attacked my clients. In a major way. Look at the hypocrisy I've pointed out here and stop with the shots at me. I stop my criticism when youstop attacking my Clients.

Me gusta · Responder · 1 h · Editado



Maria Svistchova Cass Casper please explain "good luck when they return to the building" that's all we want. Still waiting....

Me gusta · Responder · 1 h



Cass Casper Who's they? Judges? The public? Litigants? Did you ask what was meant by that comment from the person who

Posted it or did you guys just flip out and start 'make famous' collages? Aren't you supposed to investigate facts as an attorney before coming to knee jerk assumptions and reactions? I would think you would have been certain before other PDs start engaging in widespread online social media bullying over it.

Me gusta · Responder · 1 h · Editado



Cass CasperI guess what you're saying is that you don't actually know what was meant by it. So that tells me your case justifying social media bullying was completely unjustified.

Me gusta · Responder · 1 h



Cass Casper Besides the Abigail post was not even about that Deputy, but another one entirely. Know your facts much?

Me gusta · Responder · 1 h



Maria Svistchova Cass Casper "They" are the BLM protesters outside the courthouse organized and attended by public defenders.

Me gusta · Responder · 1 h



Maria Svistchova If you threaten me on social media I will expose you. That's all the facts you need. Stay focused. Protests then threat then exposure. Nothing complicated here.

Me gusta · Responder · 1 h



Cass Casper Oh do you know that? Did you confirm that through witness interviews? Or is this just a bunch of assumptions you're making?

Me gusta · Responder · 1 h



Maria Svistchova I know what was meant by it that's why I'm ok with results. You are not so I want to hear your explanation.

Me gusta · Responder · 1 h



Cass Casper Oh you "know." Gut assumptions are not admissible evidence as far as I can recall.

Me gusta · Responder · 1 h



Maria Svistchova Still waiting

Me gusta \cdot Responder \cdot 1 h



Cass Casper Not my burden of proof. And I'm still waiting for your explanation about why the PDs were justified in making collages and engaging in social media bullying unbecoming their office.

Me gusta · Responder · 1 h



Maria Svistchova I'm bored with you.

Me gusta \cdot Responder \cdot 1 h



Maria Svistchova The decision was

made by the Sheriff take it up with him. The deputy was in the wrong was rightfully exposed.

We are having Facebook conversation and you are taking about evidence or burden. You know why? Because you can't twist the facts. That statement was wrong.

Me gusta · Responder · 1 h



Cristy Sabs You're bored? Lol. Spoken like a true basic b*tch. #karen

Me gusta · Responder · 45 min



Maria Svistchova Cristy Sabs you kiss your kids with that mouth. Gross.

Me gusta · Responder · 39 min



Jennifer Vaughn Cristy Sabs I do not know you, and you do not know me. And we should keep it that way. Because if you insult my friend again, I'll be your absolute worst enemy. You have nothing to do with this thread. Stay in your lane.

Me gusta · Responder · 39 min



Cristy Sabs



Me gusta · Responder · 37 min



Cristy Sabs Jennifer Vaughn noted. That sounds like a threat to me.

Me gusta · Responder · 32 min



Maria Svistchova Jennifer Vaughn it can read!

Me gusta · Responder · 31 min



Cass Casper Yeah really. That does sound like a threat. Are PD's threatening people now?

Me gusta · Responder · 31 min



Maria Svistchova Cass CasperI'm still waiting......

Me gusta · Responder · 31 min



Jennifer Vaughn Cass Casper oh my god you guys. This all could not be moe ridiculous. 1

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Me gusta · Responder · 30 min **EXHIBIT A039**



Maria Svistchova Jennifer Vaughn I'm not sure who she is, but I definitely know she is a troll. Comes in drops a terd and then screams that she is getting threatened. Lol who's the Karen? Mind your own business!

Me gusta · Responder · 28 min



Cass Casper Right. A PD threatening a member of the public. I agree, it could not be more ridiculous.

Me gusta · Responder · 27 min



Maria Svistchova Cass Casperstill waiting......

Me gusta · Responder · 26 min



Gia Scatchell Maria Svistchova you are an officer of the court Stop embarrassing the profession and yourself. If you're so bored, might want to review the social media policy for the pd's office.

Me gusta · Responder · 25 min



Maria Svistchova Gia Scatchell hello troll #2

Me gusta · Responder · 25 min



Maria Svistchova Cass Casper still waiting.... maybe your support staff can help you explain what that deputy meant.

Me gusta · Responder · 23 min



Cass Casper OK. Honestly, this is going too far. My intent in all this was to point out some really blatant hypocrisy that is going on and howinappropriate social media bullying is, especially for PD's. Now it's devolving into name-calling and threatening -- none of which I'm on board with. I'm saying goodnight.

Me gusta · Responder · 22 min



Escribe una respuesta...



Cass Casper Would you guys like to talk to the Deputy who contacted me about this today and see how upset he was about that post with his family pictured? I can patch you in with him and you can see how much it upset him. No problem.

I like it · Reply · 2 h



Maria Svistchova Cass Casperis that the one who said good luck going back to the building? No thanks I think I can out upset him!

Me gusta · Responder · 2 h



Cass Casper No it's actually someone else who showed up on Abigail's post.

Me gusta · Responder · 2 h



Cass Casper Happy to set up the phone call tomorrow. Just say when.

Me gusta · Responder · 2 h



Escribe una respuesta...



Benton Williams After busting their butts all day doing literally hundreds of bond hearings on the weekend they do an awesome dance routine. Those PD s are the best on the planet and I'm proud that they are my colleagues.

I like it · Reply · 1 h





Benton Williams Plus those are awesome dance routines. They won't let me join.

I like it · Reply · 53 min

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Abigail Clough

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Woooooohooooo. Suck it Trump.

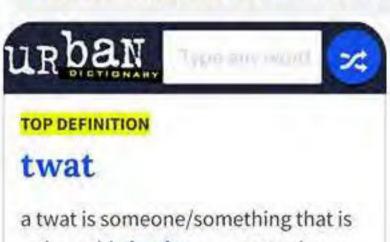
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Maria Svistchova No need, here you go:



unbearably jarring, no matter how quite it seems to be, deep down its really fuckin annoyin. no one likes a twat and if you are a twat well just know that majority of your mates dont like you.

Like · Reply · 13h





Dan Kpf From a more credible source....





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Mary Doyle 6 de noviembre de 2018 - 35

Yes, indeed, I did vote today! I'm in Cook County and my vote was more of an FU to Trump than thinking that my vote would make a difference to the elections as a whole. Cook County goes Democratic, you know. JB is going to win, so my vote was a miniscual point. I think Kwame Raoul will win, so my vote may count. I will admit now, after the election, that I think Kwame is a doofus. But, he is better than the alternative when it comes to some issues. Let's hope he follows through.

I also found my vote significant because I voted NO to retain most of the judges up for retention. At least 3 of these judges have not been recommended by several lawyer organizations and at least one has been severely criticized by the appellate court. Plus, I have difficulty in blindly voting to retain judges, especially when there is not much information out there about them and a vote to retain is a vote to give them a salary of over \$200,000 for, practically, life. I have an advantage of knowing a number of these judges because of my job. In the end, yes, indeed, there were several judges that I did vote to retain and/or vote to elect because I believe in them (Beatriz, Joanne, among those to whom I said yes).

Finally, it did take a little bit of time for me to check in to vote this morning. I told the lady several times, probably 4 or more, that my address was 244. She kept looking for 224. Then, my signature raised some eyebrows. My signature has significantly changed in the past 7 years, going from a somewhat legible Mary Doyle to a somewhat legible MHDoyle, to a somewhat legible MDoyle, to a scribble MDoyle.

I saw the election judges' judgmental facial expressions and informed them that my signature had, indeed, changed a lot over the years. The one judge judgmentally said "Yes it has." However, I never offered to show them my ID.

And, then, I voted. Yay!!



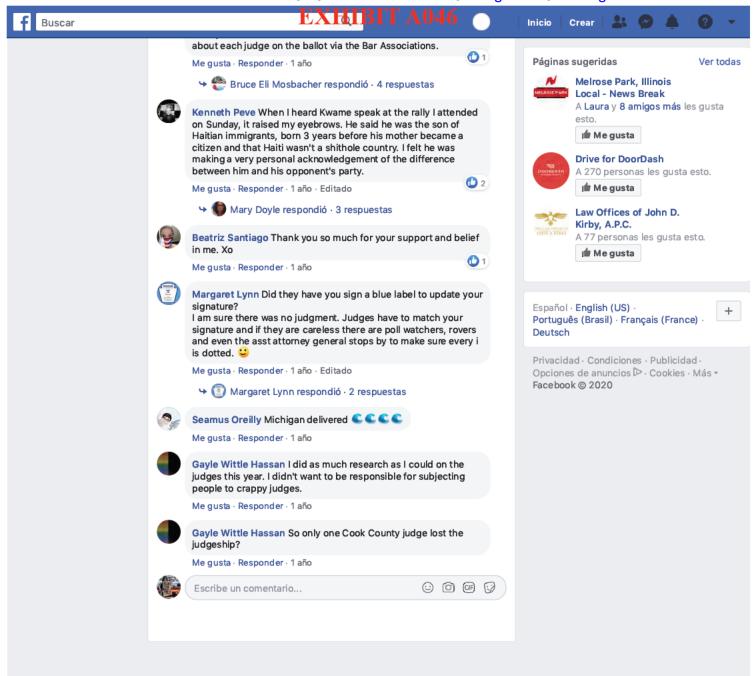
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C.c. Gorman

Ohhhhh a FB war with the Sheriff's this could be fun... I wonder who will



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Abigail Clough Q

"DON'T TRY TO OUT-PD A PD!!!!"

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Write a reply...



Dan Walsh

Come at me bro 03



2h Like Reply



Dan Walsh

It's actually funny because first It wouldn't help their case. Second one of the sheriffs who was making comments on the racist Facebook postused to be a Facebook friend but he had blocked me. Long time ago

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Dan Walsh

I'm glad it was sent to the inspector general. Because it sounds like it's possible that sheriffs are retaliating. For public defenders exercising their right to complain about workplace comments and conditions. I will be interested in seeing how that is resolved. It's the functional equivalent of one of our clients walking out with a manila envelope. I can't believe how ridiculously stupid that is

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Dan Walsh

Abigail Clough. Did you see the email he wrote to Amy? Where he misspelled misogynistic?

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Dan Walsh





















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Catherine Wilde

Abigail Clough it is - I googled them both. Several obituaries where they're respectively listed as spouses.

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Catherine Wilde

Abigail Clough also, you could clarify that the "it" you were referring to was a big ole pile of shit but it's real weird they went sexual.

I'm also curious how it's misogynistic as a general matter but that's another, "don't use big words you don't understand sir," conversation for another day



1h Like Reply



Abigail Clough Catherine Wilde Ha! and at least spell it correctly.

57m Like Reply



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